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Dear Ms. Awakuni:

Subject: Docket No. 03-0417
East Oahu Transmission Project

Pursuant to your request dated July 22, 2004, attached are HECO's comments on the draft Notice of Public Hearing for the subject docket for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Attachment

cc: Division of Consumer Advocacy
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC.
FOR APPROVAL TO COMMIT FUNDS IN EXCESS OF \$500,000 FOR
ITEM Y48500, EAST OAHU TRANSMISSION PROJECT

DOCKET NO. 03-0417

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the STATE OF HAWAII, PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION ("Commission") will hold a public hearing relating to the application of HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. ("HECO"), filed on December 18, 2003, for approval to, among other things, commit funds in excess of \$500,000 for Item Y48500, East Oahu Transmission Project. The public hearing will be held as follows:

Date: Wednesday, September 1, 2004
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: State Capitol Auditorium
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

HECO is an operating public utility engaged in the production, purchase, transmission, distribution, and sale of electricity on the island of Oahu. HECO requests that the Commission, among other things: (1) approve the commitment of funds for the proposed East Oahu Transmission Project, Item Y48500, in accordance with paragraph 2.3.g.2 of the Commission's General Order No. 7, Standards for Electric Utility Service in the State of Hawaii; (2) determine that the new 46 kilovolt ("kV") lines be constructed below the surface of the ground, pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") § 269-27.6;^(a) and (3) be the accepting agency for an environmental assessment

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of the project to be voluntarily prepared by HECO and submitted to the Commission in accordance with the HRS chapter 343 process.

HECO proposes to implement the project in two independent phases. The first phase includes: (1) the installation of six

underground 46 kV lines in the Ala Moana, McCully, Moiliili, and Kapahulu areas; (2) the installation of a 138 kV / 46 kV transformer at the existing Kamoku Substation with associated protective relaying; and (3) the modification of various existing distribution substations in the Honolulu area. The second phase

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includes the installation of: (1) three underground 46 kV lines in the Kakaako, Makiki, and McCully areas; and (2) a 138 kv / 46 kV transformer at the existing Archer Substation with associated protective relaying.

All interested persons are urged to attend the public hearing to state their views either orally or in writing. Written statements may be submitted prior to or at the public hearing. Statements may be mailed to the Public Utilities Commission, 465 South King Street, Room 103, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813, or sent by electronic mail to the Commission's e-mail address at Hawaii.PUC@hawaii.gov.

Copies of the application, direct and supplemental direct testimonies, supporting exhibits, including maps and diagrams of the proposed project, are available for public inspection during regular business hours at any of the following locations:

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1. Public Utilities Commission
465 South King Street, Room 103
Honolulu, HI 96813
Phone: (808) 586-2020
2. Division of Consumer Advocacy,
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
335 Merchant Street, Room 326
Honolulu, HI 96813
3. Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.
Regulatory Affairs Division
Central Pacific Plaza
220 South King Street, Suite 1301
Honolulu, HI 96813
Phone: (808) 543-4787

In addition, the application and direct testimonies, filed on December 18, 2003, may be viewed on the Commission's website at www.hawaii.gov/budget/puc/energy/#dockets.

Special needs to accommodate persons with disabilities can be made if requested at least 10 days in advance by contacting the Commission's Honolulu office.

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Carlito P. Caliboso
Chairman

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*And supplemental
direct testimonies
filed on July 22, 2004,*

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The first phase includes: (1) the installation of six underground 46kV lines in the Ala Moana, McCully, Moiliili, and Kapahulu areas, (2) a 138kV/46kV transformer installation at the existing Kamoku Substation with associated protective relaying, (3) a 46kV/12kV transformer installation at the existing Makaloa Substation with associated switchgear, (4) various switching and reconnections on the existing 46kV and 12kV systems near Makaloa and McCully Substations, (5) the removal of existing 46kV and 12kV cables between Makaloa and McCully Substations, (6) the removal of an existing 46/12kV transformer and associated switchgear from the McCully Substation, and (7) modifications of various existing distribution substations in the Honolulu area.